given to the hotel? When the Harbour is in Cochin State and not in British Malabar why was this name adopted?

Mr. President : The name is not British Malabar hotel.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Cochin is not Malabar.

Mr. President : Cochin is part of Malabar.

COCHIN BACKWATERS—MONUMENTS OBTAINED BY DREDGING.

142. Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the dredging operations in our backwaters have brought to light interesting historical monuments;

(*b*) whether an interesting old image from our backwaters was recently sent to the Madras Museum by the Harbour Authorities?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) During the course of dredging operations in the inner harbour, the following articles were found:—

(*i*) A skull and a few bones. These were sent to the Director, Zoological Survey of India.

(*ii*) Tombstones 12 Nos. Four were handed over to the Roman Catholic Church, Cochin and eight to the Government Archæologist, Trichur.

(*b*) No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Was our Government consulted when these were sent to people outside the State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* No.

Mr. Shabdai S. Koder *(Nominated):* Will the Government be pleased to see that they are also consulted when such things are sent outside our State?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government):* Yes, we will consider that question.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Were these skulls and bones returned?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government)* Probably they are preserved there.

THEVARA—VENDURUTHI BRIDGE—CONSTRUCTION OF—PARTICULARS REGARDING.

143. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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